

House District 22

Sharon M. Cissna, Democrat



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PLACE OF BIRTH: Seattle, Washington
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OCCUPATION: Publication business owner
LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 35 years
Anchorage 1967 to present
Fairbanks 1993-1994
Kodiak 1974-1978

EDUCATION:
Federal Way Washington, 1956-1960; University of Washington, 1964-1967; UAA, 1970-1972, B.A.; APU, 1990-1992, M.S. Counseling Psychology; UAA, current student, M.P.A. Public Administration, Health Emphasis.

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:

State House of Representatives, Committees: Health, Education and Social Services; Military and Veterans Affairs; Finance Subcommittees on University of Alaska, Courts, Public Safety; founder, Affordable Health Insurance Workgroup; coordinator, API Summit; co-chair, Conversations on the Budget; former chair, Airport Heights Community Council; former co-chair, Alaskan Voters for Open Primary; former president, Chugach State Park Citizen Advisory Board; former chair, Chugach State Park Ad Hoc Committee, 1969-1970.

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:

Publication business owner, 1972 to present; mental health counselor, 12 years, beginning in 1963 until 1998.

STATEMENT:

A large percentage of State government health expenditures go to providers in the health hub of Alaska. That hub, the University-Medical (U/Med) district, weaving throughout District 22, employs over 11,000 workers in health. Another State expenditure that affects the health industry of the state is the State worker health plan. I have devoted recent study to learn how the State can spend its enormous fiscal resources in health improving the quality of service to Alaskans, provide savings to the State and consumers, create affordability and health price stability. This would follow private market principles - how money is spent shapes the services offered.

Our area hosts a microcosm of schools and higher institutions employing 3,500 persons. There is a workforce crisis in health, education and other vital industries in Alaska. As the applied hub of both health and education, our local schools must emphasize career ladders in these fields as part of the secondary school educational program. The University of Alaska-Anchorage's woeful science facilities must be replaced, students must be able to complete degree programs within predictable timelines, and higher degree programs, Masters and Doctoral, must be offered to meet workforce needs. I have been able to win additional funding for local schools, the university nursing and basic university programs, but these small incremental steps are not sufficient for immediate needs.

I am honored to have served you and to dedicate myself to the goal of maximizing our area's unique economic potential. I would appreciate your continued support.

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